वर्ष 1991-92 कीमतों पर आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (1992-97) की शेष अवधि के दौरान उपरोक्त कृषि-जन्य वस्तुओं के लिए निम्नलिखित निर्यात का अनुमान लगाया गया है:—

वर्ष	निर्यात अनुमान (करोड़ रु० में)
1995-96	7497
1996-97	8321

(ख) तथा (ग) ढांचागत सुविधाओं के विकास की एक योजना के तहत सरकार पात्र निर्यातकों को निम्नलिखित के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान कर रही है:— (1) विशेषीकृत परिवहन इकाइयों को खरीदने के लिए (2) पूर्व-प्रशीतन सुविधाओं की स्थापना के लिए (3) फसल पश्चात् रख-रखाव हेतु यांत्रिकी स्थापित करने के लिए (4) निर्यात के लिए कृषि उत्पादों के प्रसंस्करण के लिए वाष्प उष्मा उपचार/प्रधूमन/छटाई मशीन लगाने के लिए (5) निर्यात उद्देश्य के लिए हवाई-अड्डों/बंदरगाहों पर प्रशीतन भंडार स्थापित करने के लिए (6) भंडारगृहों के निर्माण ग्रेडिंग और छटाई केन्द्रों की स्थापना के लिए सहकारी समितियों/संगठनों को सहायता देना।

निर्यात को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए अन्य प्रस्तावित प्रोत्साहन हैं—अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मेलों में भागीदारी, क्रेता-विक्रेताओं की बैठकें आयोजित करना, बाजार विकास अभियान आयोजित करना, उत्पाद विकास में सहायता, पैकेजिंग और गुणवत्ता प्रमाणन, इत्यादि में सुधार।

Import of coal for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1371. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to import coal for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the reasons for the import;

(c) whether coal from Andhra Pradesh is not suitable; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is importing low ash content coking coal to bridge the gap between the requirement and the indigenous availability and to improve the quality of overall blend for technical reasons.

(c) and (d) Coal being produced in Andhra Pradesh by the Singareni collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) cannot be used for metallurgical purposes. Such coal can only be used for steam raising purposes owing to its non-coking coal nature.

Projects Implementations

1372. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen news-item in 'Indian Express' dated 24th November, 1995 captioned "Government package likely to expedite project implementation" and the details thereof;

(b) whether this issue was recently studied by a Group of Ministers;

(c) if so, whether the Department of Programme Implementation have initiated action in this regard; and

(d) total expenditure sanctioned; spend till date and balance left/funds available during 1995-96 in respect of each project and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A Group of Ministers was set up under the chairmanship of Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission to suggest specific measures to be taken to reduce delays on account of various factors and expedite implementation of the projects. The Group has since submitted its report which is under the consideration of the Government.

(d) As on 30.6.1995 the total sanctioned cost of 383 projects under implementation and on the monitor of DPI was Rs. 109963.5 crores. The total expenditure incured upto 30th June, 1995 was Rs. 62536.4 crores. As against the outlay of Rs. 17899.1 crores the balance provision available for 1995-96 was Rs. 12556.1 crores subject to the availability of actual funds with the project authorities. The project wise details are given in Project Implementation Status Report for the Quarter April-June, 1995. The copy of the Report is available in the Parliament Library.

Compensation to the relatives of Mine Disaster Victims

1373. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "wedding saris given to widows of mine disaster" which appeared in Indian Express of 7th October, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts of the case; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to compensate adequately and honourably the next of kin of the accident victims of the recent mine disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) According to information provided by Coal India Limited (CIL), as a part of relief measures announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar during his visit to the disaster site of Gaslitand mine of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) on 28th September, 1995, the District Administration had provided each of the affected families two sarees. The sarees are reported to be of different colours.

(c) Details of compensation paid to the nominees of the victims of the Gaslitand mine disaster are given below:

(i)	Gratuity	— Rs. 20,07,062.93
(ii)	Compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923	— Rs. 45,57,952.00
(iii)	Coal Mines Provident Fund (CMPF) Dues	— Rs. 40,96,211.00
(iv)	Life Assurance benefit under CMPF	— Rs. 94,000.00
(v)	Immediate Financial assistance	— Rs. 1,000.00 each
(vi)	Ex-gratia under NCWA	— Rs. 10,000.00 each
(vii)	Benevolent Fund	— Rs. 5,000.00 each
(viii)	Life Cover Scheme	— Rs. 15,000.00 each
(ix)	Additional ex-gratia declared by Minister of State for Coal	— Rs. 75,000.00 each
(x)	Ex-gratia declared by Central Consultative Committee, a joint forum of Management and Trade Unions	— Rs. 51,000.00 each (To be paid)

In addition, employment to one of the dependents of the deceased is also offered. Alternatively, in lieu of employment, the widow/female dependent is paid a monthly pension of Rs. 3000/- till she attains 60 years of age/dies/remarries, whichever is earlier.

Increase in the Number of People Below the Poverty Line in the Rural Areas

1374. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of people living below poverty line is increasing in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such increase in number of persons living below poverty line;